



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: October 12, 2021

In Control: San Antonio Housing Commission Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood and Housing Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Verónica R. Soto

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Housing Commission's meet and greet with San Antonio's new Chief Housing Officer, Mark Carmona.

SUMMARY:

Meet and greet with San Antonio's new Chief Housing Officer, Mark Carmona.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

San Antonio's Housing Policy Framework, adopted by City Council on September 6, 2018, recommended creating "an executive position in the City Manager's Office to lead housing and neighborhood-related activities and integrate with all city functions".

The City of San Antonio conducted a national recruitment process prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The hiring of the Chief Housing Officer position was temporarily paused for over a year, during the pandemic before starting again. On September 20, 2021, Mark Carmona was

appointed the city's first Chief Housing Officer.

For the past three years Mr. Carmona has served as a consultant to the H.E. Butt Foundation and lead a cohort of churches to develop a coordinated response to mental health needs in San Antonio. Mr. Carmona previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer for Haven for Hope. He brings over 20 years of various social services and housing experience to the organization. Mr. Carmona has a Master of Business Administration in Leadership from the University of Texas San Antonio and a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from St. Joseph Seminary College. We look forward to Mr. Carmona joining our team to facilitate the implementation of the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan, the Homeless Strategic Plan and to work with our affordable housing partners, homeless providers, and community stakeholders to ensure a coordinated housing system.

ISSUE:

Chief Housing Officer, Mark Carmona will meet and greet the Housing Commission. Discussion about the Housing Commission's goals, priorities, and work may be discussed. Discussions may also include more information about Carmona and his vision for the Chief Housing Officer position.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is a meet and greet only. No action will be taken.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is a meet and greet only.